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### Community Invited to Participate in the Great Guam ShakeOut

Guam will soon take part in the world's largest earthquake drill, the Great ShakeOut. On Thursday, October 15, 2020 at exactly 10:15 a.m. (ChST), participants will practice the earthquake response procedure; "Drop, Cover and Hold On" from wherever they are. The drill will last for one minute.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) encourage all residents to increase earthquake preparedness and response by practicing how to protect themselves during an earthquake and how to ensure an earthquake disaster does not become a catastrophe. The ShakeOut participation provides the opportunity to evaluate emergency plans, increase awareness of earthquake safety, and improve resiliency within your community.

"Preparing for other hazards, even during a pandemic is extremely important," said Charles Esteves, Office of Civil Defense Administrator. "Earthquakes can happen with little to no notice so it is important to practice your earthquake drill so you are better prepared for a real event. Join us for the Great Guam ShakeOut, which can be done safely from the comfort of your home, or wherever you are."

To participate in this year's ShakeOut, residents must register online at <https://www.shakeout.org/guam/> or call (671) 475-9600. The ShakeOut website provides drill manuals, tips on earthquake safety and other resources for developing a disaster plan. Residents may register as an individual, family, school, business, or other group and are encouraged to share photos of their ShakeOut experience on the Great Guam ShakeOut website.

Island residents will join close to 15 million ShakeOut participants from across the world from U.S., Hawaii, British Columbia, CNMI, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Southern Italy, and other various regions.

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